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LABOUR MEMBER'S SPEECH.

OUR RELATIONS WITH FRANCE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, January 18. In his speech continuing the debate on the Address the Labour member the Rt. Hon. Mr. Thomas declared that a situation was being created in Central Europe necessitating expenditure on our own defence. No party was entitled to claim a party advantage out of danger to the nation. The Ministerialists asked how Labour was going to deal with France and the implication suggested that it was by war but it was not real friendship to pretend that all was well when it was not. No nation owed greater tribute to another nation than we did to France but that did not mean that if we believed France was heading for disaster we ought not say so. God forbid that any word should be construed as meaning that Labour was anxious to break with France or talk about war but it was not surprising that France did not believe the Government and treated them with contempt in view of their vacillating policy.

No Free Love.

Mr. Thomas described Mr. Asquith's speech yesterday as one of the greatest of his life. He declared that the statements that the first steps of the Labour Government would be to corrupt the army, navy and police and to abolish marriage and introduce free love were rubbish. Deeply men and women of all classes were anxious to remedy social conditions. The Labour party had graduated in a very hard school and would make mistakes but the experience and responsibility of government would be good for them and despite difficulties they would work with the single desire to make the country worthy of the citizens who showed their patriotism at the time of its greatest trial.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain said the Government plainly told France they would not answer for the continuance of friendly relations if she continued to occupy the Ruhr. They all desired to avoid war but it might come to the point when the nation had to choose whether it would carry out its views forcibly or take the other alternative. Mr. Thomas opposed war under any circumstances and it did not lay with Mr. Thomas to accuse the Government of not taking an action which would inevitably have led to war. He begged the Labour party not hastily to dismiss the imperial preference proposals out of any pedantic theory. He emphasised the enormous importance of Dominion trade, instancing how preference stimulated trade in Australia. He hoped the Labour government would treat the proposals with all the sympathy possible. He predicted that the Labour party would find it impossible to abolish all food taxes and if it could be satisfied that the proposals were expedient they might well, without departing from their principles, rearrange the food duties so as to enable them to be carried out. The proposals were in the nature of a moral gesture and the direction wherein the gesture was made might affect very seriously the future attitude of the Dominions towards Britain. When a generation or two hence, the Dominions were among the greatest nations of the earth the action of the British Government to-day might determine the value they would be to the Empire and the help they would be to the people of Britain (cheers).

"Only A Faded Pink."

Mr. Neville Chamberlain commended to the Liberals the letter of Mr. Churchill declaring that a Socialist Government would be a national misfortune. He said the Red Flag appeared to resemble a chameleon, changing shade according to environment. If they always had speeches like Mr. Thomas' he would call it only a very faded pink (laughter) but a powerful section of the Labour party, which made up in vociferousness what it lacked in respect for the rules of the House was determined to exercise a powerful influence upon the fortunes of the party. A prominent member of this section recently declared that it would be

COMMERCIAL NOTES.

SUGAR ARRIVAL.

The J. C. J. L. S. "Tisondari" is bringing about 75,000 gunny bags (each approximately 225 lbs. gross) of Java Sugar for Hong Kong.

NAM PAK HONG QUOTATIONS.

This morning's Nam Pak Hong, quotations for "spot" goods, basis usual guild terms, are as follows:

Java Sugar, average quality per picul net—No. 24 rough white \$15.40, No. 24 fine white 16.13. No. 18 rough brown 14.50. Speculators have considerable lots on their hands. They are quoting between 50 and 75 cents per picul, below the market.

Rice, average quality, per picul gross weight for net—No. 1 Siam long white—superior, old crop \$9.00; ordinary, old crop \$4.40; superior, new crop \$3.00.

Flour, per sack of 50 lbs.—Dayton \$2.75, Mollus Fairy 2.60, Kwan Tao 2.50, Blue Ribbon 2.70, Sperry's XXX 2.50, Maize 2.84, White Greens 2.80, Melon 2.84.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT.

The fortnightly report, including the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, is as follows:

FRANCE'S FOREIGN POLICY.

STATEMENT BY POINCARÉ.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

PARIS, January 18.

After M. Poincaré had lengthily reviewed France's foreign policy the Chamber carried a vote of confidence in the Government by 415 votes to 151. In the course of a statement M. Poincaré said France rightly rejected frequent British proposals for revision of the German debt which were not accompanied by any offer of compensation in respect of France's debts to her. Referring to means to apply the possible recommendations of the Experts' Committee, M. Poincaré suggested that reparations payments might be obtained by working the railways in occupied regions by inter-Allied companies. France was willing to agree to a portion of the prospective German loan being devoted to the restoration of German finances but the bulk must be handed over for reparations.

"KATORI MARU" DAMAGED.

COLLIDES WITH STEAM HOPPER.

LONDON, January 18. A steam hopper belonging to the Port of London authority collided near Mucking with the Japanese steamer "Katori Maru," bound for Antwerp. The latter, which returned and anchored off Rosherville, was damaged on the port side above the water amidships.

THE NEXT QUAKE.

BENDANDI'S LATEST FORECAST.

ROME, January 18. Bendandi foretells an earthquake on the coast of Asia or nearer on January 29 and 30.

political madness to leave the impression that the Labour movement did not menace the visited interests (loud Labour cheers) and that it would be a betrayal of those who voted for them unless they destroyed Liberalism.

Mr. Chamberlain said that the Imperial preference proposals did not affect the question of unemployment now but would profoundly affect trade and employment in Britain in the future, perhaps the very distant future (cheers).

Duchess's Maiden Effort.

The Duchess of Atholl, in her maiden speech, supported the Government's proposals to develop juvenile unemployment centres, protect children born out of wedlock, amend the law relating to maintenance and separation orders, and call an agricultural conference. She declared that if the Liberals who were elected with the help of Conservative votes were true to their election pledges they would save their party from the odium of turning out the Government.

Debate Adjourned.

The Right Hon. Mr. George Lambert (L.) emphasised the necessity of continuity in foreign affairs. He would vote for the amendment without enthusiasm reserving liberty of judgment. The debate was adjourned to Monday.

Anti-Socialist Amendment.

In connection with Mr. Churchill's letter (see early cables) it is noteworthy that the Parliamentary industrial group has given notice of an amendment to the Address saying that as an overwhelming majority of members have been returned definitely pledged against Socialism it would be a violation of the expressed will of the electorate to place in power a Government which manifestly cannot, on its own declared policy, effectively carry on the administration.

FOOTBALL.

KOWLOON F.C. TEAMS.

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon F.C. in their matches to-day:

1st round Hongkong Shield: Police at Kowloon, Kick-off 4 p.m.—B. Rasmussen; F. Wheeler, J. Morton; J. Leonard, J. McElveen, B. Pisco; K. A. Mason, C. Millard, A. Latham, J. Muir and A. Duncan.

2nd division: Lenox, South China "B", at Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.—J. Beach; F. Oller, D. Urquhart; A. W. Brown, S. Sibley, S. Randle, V. Hast, E. Vickars, W. H. Brown, A. Sparke and B. T. Hyllock. Reserves: L. H. Taylor and S. W. Campman.

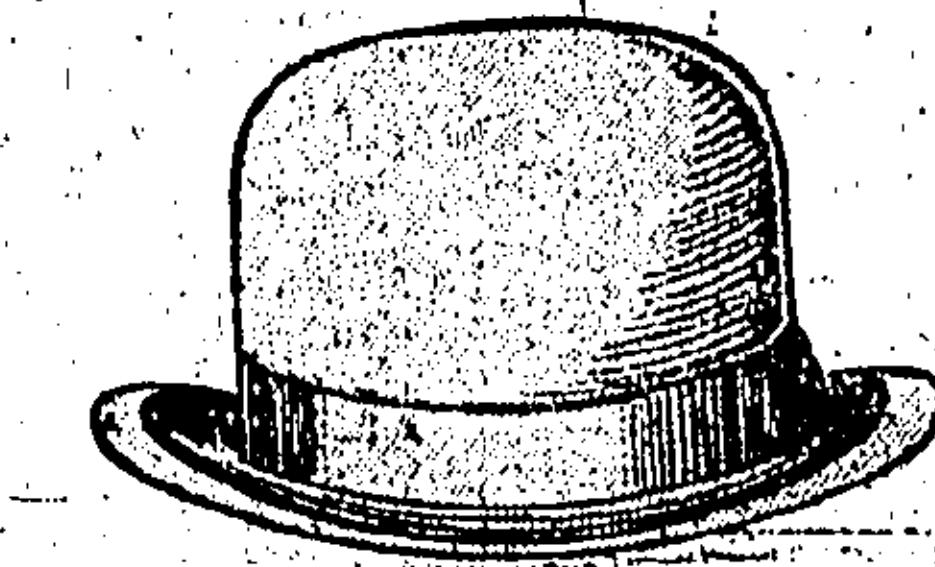
SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. Fung Ping-shin has been appointed a life member of the University Court.

Lieut. G. M. D'Addis resigns his commission in the Volunteers his been accepted.

Mr. M. J. Green, Mr. A. E. Potts, Mr. T. Rowan and Sir D. V. Watson were passengers on the incoming "Empress of Russia."

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TUESDAY, January 24, 1924,
commencing at 3.15 p.m.
at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street,
A Valuable Collection of Postage
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Catalogues will be issued.
On View from Wednesday the 23rd
January 1924
Terms:—Cash on delivery.

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A Fine Collection of Chinese
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including:
Five coloured, Red and White, Blue
and White Porcelain of the Ming,
Kanghi, Yung Ching, Kionghung and
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Also
One Very Fine Blue and White Vase
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on
MONDAY, January 28th, 1924,
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Hongkong, January 18, 1924.

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Ten minutes..... 10 "
Quarter hour..... 15 "
Half hour..... 20 "
One hour..... 30 "
Every subsequent hour..... 30 "

II.—In the Hill District.
Ten minutes..... 15 cents
Quarter hour..... 30 "
Half hour..... 30 "
One hour..... 40 "

III.—In the New Territories.
By arrangement with the proprietors
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With 2 Beers With 4 Beers
Ten minutes..... 10 cents 20 cents
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Half hour..... 25 40
One hour..... 35 50
Every subsequent
hour..... 35 40

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Ten minutes..... 20 cents 30 cents
Quarter hour..... 30 40
Half hour..... 40 50
One hour..... 50 60
Every subsequent
hour..... 50 60

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Originally the word "patient" had nothing to do with any state of patience or the reverse. It meant "a sufferer," from the Latin *pati*, suffer. So that a doctor's patients are simply the sufferers who choose to attend him.

In time, however, an additional meaning crept in, implying one who suffers without complaining.

So that when we refer to a doctor's patients now we use the word as meaning those who suffer without complaint, while, of course, the same word has maintained a separate meaning when we speak simply of one who is patient.

A Birthday Prayer.

"Be a glutton until you are thirty, but after that abstain from the flesh-pots," is the advice of an eminent physician.

Kill me the calf that is fatted,
Bring me the succulent ham,
Oysters deliciously "pattied,"
Hogheads of strawberry jam;
Let, too, the juice of the grape on
The table be lavishly spread;
Cook me the corpulent epon,
Baste the boar's head.

Toil with unquenched ardour—
Seeking delectable fare;
Loot from your innermost larder;
All that is choicer and rare;
Let no suspicion of shortness
Hamper the feast till I've felt
Every sensation of tauntiness
Under the belt.

Show me no signs of evasion,
Let not your energy wane;
This is a special occasion
Never to come back again.
Lend to the banquet a lustre
Men may cling to for aye;
This is my ultimate buster;
Chef, I am thirty-to-day.

—THETA.

Points of view.

The Germans have become a nation of mathematicians.—Mr. G. H. Shakespeare, M.P.

We prosper as the world prospers;
we decline as the world declines.—Mr. McKenna.

Does anyone who knows think that the prison is a reforming influence?—Sir Robert Wallace.

Unless we get good houses for the people our educational ideas will be thrown away.—Lady Warwick.

The cinema takes from the theatre only those plays that have no business there.—Mr. Bernard Shaw.

As regards composers, we can undoubtedly hold our own with any foreign country.—Sir Landon Ronald.

As a matter of fact, the approved societies have really no control over the doctors.—Sir Alfred Mond.

This country's roll of fame would be impoverished if our clergy had been obliged to remain unmarried.—Dean Inge.

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The tooth attacks
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THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Saturday 10th January to Friday 1st February 1924 both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary,
Hongkong, January 8th, 1924.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-SIXTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHERSON & CO., LTD., on MONDAY, 28th JANUARY, 1924, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st DECEMBER, 1923.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, 18th January to MONDAY, 28th January, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered. By Order of the Board of Directors,
L. S. GREENHILL,
Acting Secretary,
Hongkong, 11th January, 1924.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from MONDAY, 21st January to SATURDAY, 2nd February 1924, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

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KAN TONG PO,
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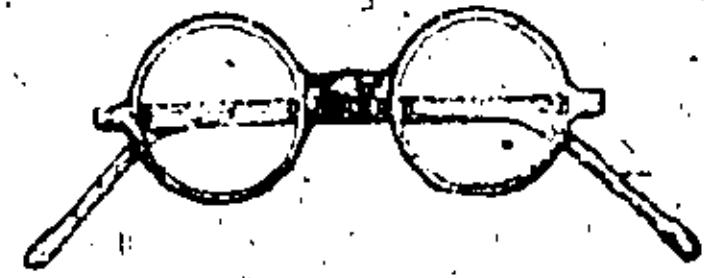
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DEATH.

BANKER.—On January 19, 1924, at his residence, No. 11, Han-kow Road, Kowloon, George Banker, aged 55 years. Funeral will pass the Monument at 4.30 p.m. to-morrow (Sunday), January 20. Shanghai papers please copy.

systems; working in morale it constructs ethical principles. Without it civilisation would be impossible. There is no more useful element in human life than imagination. Reason is only its hand-servant; it has no creative skill. Memory makes no discoveries, and judgment, merely, classifies the material that memory stores away. It is imagination that is the wonder worker. Galileo sees a lamp swinging in a Baptistry and there and then he imagines a pendulum that will measure time, and lo! he has invented the clock. Newton sees an apple fall to the ground from the tree on which it grew, and immediately his imagination suggests some great law of gravitation and in that hour was discovered a mighty and mysterious force that holds the circling planets in their places. A piece of driftwood with a pebble securely held in a crevice was blown by the steady western trade winds across the ocean to the shore of Spain. Columbus was arrested by the act, and immediately in imagination he saw the continent whence the pebble had come and the forest in which the tree had grown. Under that inspiration he set sail on his memorable voyage. Watt sees an engine; working amid the colours beautiful, the imagination paints pictures; working upon marble, it carves statues; working in wood, it rears cathedrals; working in sand, it creates smoothness; working with ideas it fashions intellectual

moment the glacial theory was born.

The pages of history teem with the facts of imagination and the results born from their fruitful adoption. Our Edison, and our Listars; our Fords even and our great Captains of industry have given their imaginations free play, and have fired their visionary outlines with the breath of life. The history of Singapore for instance is imagination plus energy bearing fruit to-day. The same may be said of this place of Hongkong—once barren fever-stricken rock. It is the thing which we all have but which probably we often misuse. Exercised well we become happy and contented people even if epoch making results do not ensue; allowed to atrophy we become discontented, miserable, a plague to ourselves, missing the very essence of life. Imagination hath a grain of joy finer than sense.

The Kerr Hospital

In our leading article we refer to the question of imagination; and imagination may be put into operation by reading and considering the appeal made on behalf of the John G. Kerr Hospital for insane at Canton, which appeared in yesterday's issue of the *China Mail*. Ameliorative work of any description must excite the imagination to a considerable extent and bring forth expressions of practical sympathy. How much more should it be when the work is undertaken amongst those who either temporarily, or permanently, have lost their reason. It seems at first sight a hopeless, useless and impossible task, and certain "practical" people would have us put an end to lives which outwardly at any rate have no practical purpose and literally encumber the earth. That view is not subscribed by those who direct the operations of the John G. Kerr Hospital and whose efforts fill us with such a large sense of admiration. To those who are inclined to suggest that charity begins at home, it is only necessary to point out that our own Government recognises the work of the Hospital and subserves largely to its impoverished funds—as it should do, seeing that the Hospital "contracts" to take off our hands a great number of weak-minded who otherwise would be a burden to those charged with the duty of administration. The matter is also a striking equivalent on the part things have come to in Canton, for the truth is that "My Government" owes the Hospital \$28,000 for services rendered. There is no need to dwell on that, but to express the hope that imaginations will be so worked as to see the call for help which is now raised and to respond to it without delay.

Statistics show CHARIVARIA that England ate five times more ice cream last summer than in 1919. This sundae observance has our whole-hearted approval.

An American has submitted an improved rifle to our War Office. Germany thinks France knows all there is to know how to rifle!

Scores of young men marry their dancing partners we are told. Result: The Blues.

A Doctor states that lockjaw is frequently caused by yawning. This definitely kills our ambition to become a member of the Legislative Council.

The more we know about husbands the less we think of women's intuition.

It is simply ridiculous for a man to rush downstairs in the dead of the night and try to look brave while attired in pyjamas. It simply cannot be done. The pyjamas have never been designed that could make a man look anything but a rank coward.

A contemporary declares that nightcaps can no longer be obtained. In New York perhaps, but not in Hongkong.

It is estimated that the sun can go on supplying heat at the present rate for 1,000,000,000 years. Some of our sporting committees can beat that easily.

A London barmaid has been chosen to go to New York as an English beauty-chorus girl. Doubtless on account of her great drawing power.

A doctor declares that people who live in flats have more brains than those who live in houses. Because generally they are right in the upper storey.

The P. and O. have been having their coal pilfered. The thieves seem to have been possessed with a burning desire!

The rumour that our Champion Stock-former is to promote a Branch of the Labour Party in Hongkong is denied.

IN THE CONSULTING ROOM.

You can poke out your tongue at a doctor, but you can't tell him all you have in your mind.

When he puts the gloves on he doesn't let you down lightly.

"Paying a visit" is really a medical expression.

Nature lovers will

probably be able to tell us what purpose

lizards serve in the general scheme

of things. We notice them on the

walls at night, and particularly in

some of our lamp posts, warily

stalking moths. It some parts of

England we read they are called

crocodiles and people always

slaughter them as noxious things.

The writer (the book is "Small

Talk at Wreyland") says he never

heard of a lizard doing any harm,

excepting one that was picked up

by a cow and got down into her

lung and killed her."

"Who's gone off

DEMOCRATIC with my waste-

paper basket?"

said the governor to the officeboy.

"Mrs. Riley, sir," was the reply.

"Mrs. Riley!" exclaimed the

governor. "Who's Mrs. Riley?"

The charwoman, sir," replied

the boy.

"Oh!" said the boss; "you

mean Annie." And he went on

with his work.

A little later he called the boy

again. "Somebody's been in here

while I was out, and left a window

open."

"Yes, sir." It was Mr. Seymour,

sir."

"Mr. Seymour!" repeated the

governor. "Who's he?"

"The window cleaner sir."

"Tut, tut!" commented the boss.

"Not so much of your missus and

mistering" Jimmy. Call people

by their Christian names, and we'll

know who you're talking about.

A few minutes later a head-was

stuck round the corner of the door,

and the now democratic Jimmy

piped out.

"Say, Tom, here's Bill wants a

word with you."

"It's a present

MOTHER'S BOY for mother,"

said Arthur Lee, in Melbourne, when asked to

open a parcel he was carrying,

containing a fuse, two sticks of

gelignite, some putty and some

knives.

Our mothers whacked us in our

youth

And blew us up like blaze,

To make us pad the path of truth

That winds through Life's

dark mazes.

Such thankless tasks of love and

pain

Bring gurdons unexpected;

And one fond mother can't complain

That she was quite neglected.

The clerks

PITCHING IT STRONG were having a little

gossip.

"Did I tell you, chaps, that I was

leaving?" drawled the languid

swell of the staff, whose incompetence

was as palpable as the splendour

of his attire.

"Heard you'd got the sack?"

replied the cashier.

"I answered an advertisement

yesterday for what looks like a

first-class job," resumed the over-

dressed one. "I've pitched rather

a strong yarn, but you've got to do

that, if you want to keep up with

the times."

Just then the senior partner

arrived, and, after reading the

letters, called the swell to his room.

The following dialogue was

heard by the others.

"Have you been in our service

these years?"

"No, sir; only 15 months."

"And is your salary £7/10/- a

week?"

"Eh, no, sir—50."

"Are you leaving us because of

a difference with the firm regarding

the management of our colonial

branches?"

Dead silence and a short pause.

Then the senior partner:—

"You should be more careful in

your statements, sir. This is a

small world. The advertisement

you answered was for the situation

you are leaving on Friday. That

will do."

The "hablina"

A REGULAR had arrived by

the prison gates, and the gate-

keepers, recognising him, ex-

claimed. "What, back again,

Murphy!"

"Yes, John," was the reply.

"Any letters?"

The English on

JAPANNED Japanese ships is es-

sentially Japanese.

And the intentions of the stewards

are better than their English.

Though instructed and corrected

daily, they persist in addressing

lady passengers as "sir" evidently

with the idea of showing men

and women equal politeness. But

the climax came when the passen-

gers on a steamer recently arrived

from the East sat down to dinner

and read their menus. The side

dessert was "Queen George Pud-

ding."

Lady (at the book)

TO READ soliloquies" should

like the works of

Shakespeare, Milton, and Byron

and something to read as well."

BELLIOS SCHOOL
THE ANNUAL PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

The annual prize distribution at the Bellios Public School this morning provided an eloquent indication of the progress of the school and the success during the year of the students. These facts were noted and favourably commented upon by Lady Stubbs who distributed the prizes and who in return was presented with a beautiful bouquet and given a rousing cheer.

THE SCHOOL'S HEALTH.

The health of the school had been good. Dr. Lester kindly came to hold a Medical Inspection; in line about 15 per cent. of those examined needed treatment by an outfit.

In November, Mrs. Hickling came to the school to vaccinate. The Nursing Division helped, the work was done quickly and thoroughly and in two afternoons 355 girls were vaccinated.

The Nursing Division was invited to meet Colonel Palmer, C.B.E., Knight of Grace of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem at a party at Mr. Hu Kwong's country-house, and an enjoyable afternoon was spent.

December 18 saw the thirtieth anniversary of the school; the old building was opened in 1893, while the new building was added in 1913.

"I should like to think," added Miss Clarke, "that the girls who have been at Bellios look back on their school days as a tie of happiness and of good companionship as well as of hard work; and one's hope is that, apart from the actual knowledge learnt, they have gained self-control, unselfishness, and strength to take with calm, pluck, and cheerfulness, all that come in life."

"In conclusion" said Miss Clarke, "I beg to thank those to whom we are indebted; first, Lady Stubbs, for her kindness in coming here to-day to give away the prizes; the Head Master of Queen's College, for allowing us to have this hall; and all the subscribers to the Prize Fund. And I ask the staff to accept my most grateful thanks for all they have done and are doing, for the school."

THE HEADMISTRESS'S REPORT.—Miss E. C. Clarke, the Headmistress, in her annual report, stated that school days during the year had numbered 174; the average daily attendance was 554. As there was one class less than in 1922, the percentage of attendances was about the same. There had been several changes on the staff; those who had left included Mrs. Bysell and Mrs. Carroll, to both of whom they were most grateful for their work in the examination classes. Mrs. Adams joined the staff in January, to teach Mathematics; Miss Munro and Miss Efemian had also been appointed. During the year, four Chinese mistresses resigned.

The year 1923 had been peaceful with little to disturb the even tenor of the school's way. Luckily, continued Miss Clarke, the typhoon did not damage the buildings much, and they were able to begin work after the holidays without any delay. The daily round had been enlivened twice by visits to the Coronet Theatre, to see "Robin Hood" and "Orphans of the Storm".

The usual examinations had taken place. A test in English was given throughout the vernacular classes; this proved of great value in fixing a standard to be reached by each division in English.

In the locality the school had three Matriculations, their first, three passes in Senior, and eleven passes in Junior, with five Distinctions, one in English, History, Needlework, and two in Chinese. It was the first time they had had Distinction in History and Chinese. One at least of the matriculated hoped to work at the University for a degree in Medicine.

The prize winners were:

Government Scholarships.—Tang Yuk-hing, Wong Sui-king, Hui Wai-han, May Law, Ho Sui-hing, and Hung Kit-long.

Prizes for English Subjects.—

Class 1: Li Sui-mui (Matric), Chan May-ling (Matric), Pau Choi-chue (Matric), Nellie Chenalloy, Beatrice Xavier, and Yim Hang-ho.

Class 2: Ng Shui-hing, Beatrice Ozorio, Ho Yan-chen, Jenny Baker, Fok Kui-ho, Kwok Tai-ming, Ng Heang-yau, Ng Shuk-chi, Carmen da Roza, Wan Yun-kwai, and Yeung Sui-hing. Class 3: Fung Sui-king, Esther Rose, and Kwok Lai-sim. Class 4: Au Sui-hing, Yung Po-ying, and Chan King-sun.

Class 5: Hui Lok-yip, Hui Wai-han, and Tang Kam-chee. Class 6: Cissie dos Santos, Francisca Gomes, May Law, Winnie Yau, and Alice Rodriguez. Class 7: Kwok Sui-ying, Wong Sui-tang, and Ho Sui-hing. Lemoye: Hung Kit-long.

Lingering Coughs.

Bronchitis leaves a bad cough; so do influenza and grippe, but those have lingering complications.

Chloroform is good for temporary relief, but it is not good for

longer periods.

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BISHOP POZZONI.

STEADILY IMPROVING.

Bishop Pozzoni's condition, we are pleased to learn, is steadily improving though his medical advisers have ordered that he is not to be moved for two or three days. The Bishop passed a comfortable night and was able to sit up this morning.

OBITUARY.

The news will be received with great regret of the death this morning at his residence No. 11, Han-kow Road, Kowloon, of Mr. George Barker in his fifty-fifth year.

Mr. Barker was unassuming but under a quiet demeanour, has revealed a sympathetic personality. Mr. Barker was a pioneer in the trade of Wuchow and he possessed a fleet of motor boats which have done much to open up trade between Hongkong and Wuchow. Mr. Barker's acts of charity were countless and many a missionary will have cause to regret his demise. He was interested in education and was on the committee of the Anglo-Chinese Boys' School, as well as being interested in the work carried on at St. Andrew's Church Kowloon.

KOWLOON FIRE.

SHAMSUPIO RESTAURANT.

Two coolies were injured through jumping down from a cock-loft when a fire broke out in the Yin Sun restaurant, 37 Kan Chung Street, Shamsuipo yesterday.

Assistance was forthcoming shortly and the damage was not more than \$200 or so. The cause has not been ascertained yet. It is stated that insurance to the extent of \$2,500 has been effected with the Sincere Insurance Co.

TO-DAY'S WEDDING.

The wedding will take place at 3.30 this afternoon at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, of Miss Anastacia A. Michnevitch and Mr. Iasaca J. G. Walle, accountant of the Holland China Trading Co.

The bride is to be given away by Mr. A. W. van Andel while the best man will be Mr. G. Wodenberg. After the ceremony, at which the Rev. G. K. Lindsay M.A., will officiate, a reception will be held at Mr. and Mrs. van Andel's residence at 11, Chatham Road.

The happy couple will spend their honeymoon at Repulse Bay.

The regulations governing the issue, forfeiture and restoration of the Colonial Auxiliary forces Long Service Medal are published in the current issue of the Government Gazette. To be eligible for the medal a person must have 20 years qualifying service, which need not be continuous. The regulations dealing with the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration are also published.

ALLEGED FOOTPADS.

TWO COUNTRYSIDE EVENTS.

Charged with having been joint principals in two recent highway robberies on the Stanley Road, two Chinese were remanded in custody by Mr. J. R. Wood this morning.

Divisional Inspector C. F. Aris said that the loot on the first occasion amounted to \$104.03. In the second case a purse and 70 cents were taken. All the property had been recovered by the police. Defendants were arrested together at the Wong Nai Chong Gap station. It was also alleged that the first accused had all the stolen property with him except the purse and \$2 which it was claimed, was on the other man.

Prizes for Chinese Subjects.—

Class 1: Yim Hang-ho, Class 2:

Fok Kui-ho, Class 3: Lo Yuk-chun, Class 4: Lo Hing-hing,

Class 5: Hui Lok-yip, Class 6:

Kwok Sui-ying, Reinove: Cheung Hung-yung, Leung Shuk-ching, and Cheung Hung-chun. Class 7:

Sing Yuk-ching, Chung Mai-sang, and Tsang In-kei. Class 8: Chan Po-ching, Chan Mui-yuk, and Lun Tack-fong. Class 9: Lun Kun-long, Sui Po-ching, and Chan Po-ye. Class 10: Lo Kit-wan, Tsang Lai-kun, and Lun Yuet-wa.

Class 11: Fok Yuk-ji, Chan Wing-ching, and Chen Wai-ching. Class 12: Mok Pe-sim, Fan Lai-chun, and Ng Chu-hing. Class 13: Cheung Siu-ki, Cheung Wun-chee, and Tsui Wai-chun. Standard 111A: Yeung Tsoi-lau, Siu Meeng, and Ngai Fung-fung. Standard 111B: Tam Wan-long, Fung Sui-oi, and Yeung Wing-fung. Standard 111C: Poon Yee-ho, Chun Yim-hing, and Ng Wing-man. Standard 111A: Poon Shui-yu, Cheung Chee-chun, and Lee Pek-yung. Standard 111B: Ma Chee-kin, Cheng Lai-ching, and Chung Oi-ying. Standard 1: Chan Kun-yung, Lee Yuen-ling, and Wong Shuk-hing.

Vernacular Scholarships.—Lau Shuk-king, Fung Po-king, Yuen King, Lau Wai-hing, Ng Hing-yu,

Ng Look-mui, Lau Sui-king, Ho Woon-hing, Tseui Shui-chee, Ng Tak-wan, Chan Poak-ho, and Chu Kam-pung.

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Have you ever climbed a ladder that rested in soft earth or on an unevenly rounded and left it sway under you as you climbed upward?

This same illustration can be applied to the ladder of life. Before people start climbing upward to happiness or prosperity, or any other made-state, they should first ascertain that the ladder rests on a firm foundation, which will not give way and cause it to fall when they have nearly reached the top.

Firstly, is the theme of

Ethel Clayton's new Paramount Aircraft-starring vehicle, "The Ladder of Lies," which will be shown at the Star Theatre to-morrow. In this production, Miss Clayton is assisted by Edith Parrish, a young illustrator, who seeks to prevent Peter Gordon, from climbing a ladder of happiness, which is founded off the forest and lies of the woman he has married. But the husband believes she is innocent and unsuspecting; instead, the girl who is trying to help him.

The story is filled with interest and moral force, and culminates in a delightful and happy romance. Miss Clayton is supported by an excellent cast of players, which includes Clyde Fillmore, Jane Acker, Irving Cummings, Richard Shieling and Ruth Ashby. Tom Fornan directed and William May stall was photographer.

POPULAR CONNIE.

"SAVE US FROM OUR
FRIENDS."

Constance Talmadge's friends are going to sign a petition asking her to stop driving her auto on the more populous New York streets. The dandy-star is so popular that it's really risky driving with her, so friends state.

There seem to be three direct cause for action on the part of Connie's friends. In the first place, Miss Talmadge is generally recognized by scores of pedestrians and motorists. All sorts of greetings are flung at her, and Miss Talmadge answers each. Steering a high-powered car and attending to the aforementioned details is not exactly easy on the nerves of those who happen to be riding in the car, so it is said.

Another reason is because Miss Talmadge is forced to stop along the curb a number of times to greet her many personal friends. This causes delay, and people with appointments are apt to wind up at their destinations anywhere from fifteen minutes to two hours later.

The third and most important reason is that Connie refuses to take driving seriously. This applies especially to changing gears and more particularly and acutely to turning corners. As one of her friends said:

"Connie usually turns corners on two wheels, and one of them is the steering wheel."

CINEMA CHATTER.

DOUGLAS
FAIRBANKS
in
"The Mollycoddle"

COOKS GO ON STRIKE.

ATTEMPT TO HOLD UP
DOUG."

MEMBERS OF COMPANY FILL PLACE.

While Douglas Fairbanks and a company of one hundred players were filming the biggest episode of "The Mollycoddle," miles from civilization in the desert of Arizona, the progress of the production was threatened when the cooks and waiters in charge of the mess hall declared a strike.

It was about ten days after the company had become comfortably located and things were moving nicely that one of the "bruny" gang of kitchen mechanics suggested a strike for more pay, deciding that it would be impossible for Doug to do anything other than grant their request or starve the company. The spokesman's opinion was due to the realization that the nearest railroad depot was more than one hundred miles distant.

Fairbanks heard of the contemplated action of the help and knew that something should be done at once to prevent serious trouble. Wallace Beery, the "heavy" of the company was sought and the two talked the situation over with the result that Beery undertook to combat the conditions with the understanding that everything be left to him.

A few minutes later Beery and the star entered the mess hall and the kitchen crew was assembled. Doug then mounted a table and shouted: "You are more than one hundred miles from a railroad depot. You are all fired. Pack up and get out of here and make it supply. If you are not ready to start away in waiting automobiles in five minutes you will be turned out at the mercy of the desert."

It is hard to explain the action on the faces of the listeners. They did not know what had happened.

But when they heard Fairbanks declare Beery in command of matters they knew it was all up.

Then Doug wondered what Beery would do. But he didn't wonder long, for a knowing wink from the

MOTOR CARAVAN.
VISIT TO DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS.

Seventy-five men and women from various Eastern points, mostly New York, recently spent a day at the Studio of Douglas Fairbanks in Hollywood, inspecting and investigating in the huge sets which he is building for his forthcoming motion picture feature "The Thief of Bagdad."

They were members of what is said to be the first motorized coast-to-coast procession. There were thirty-five privately-owned automobiles in the caravan, despatched westward some weeks ago by a New York newspaper. After an adventurous thirty-six day journey the party reached "Trail's End" at Santa Monica, the beach city near Hollywood.

A day at Hollywood proved to the tourists that the big sets for the elaborate Fairbanks screen tale with the Arabian Nights background are the sky-ground of thought.

The party was headed by Syl MacDowell, formerly a well known feature writer of motion picture subjects.

"villain" was understood. In five minutes the "strikers" were on their way to the depot. Beery was in the kitchen and with him nearly every member of the company. Salt and pepper and everything was being handled as it never had been before.

An hour later supper was served. No one complained and the discharged help was not missed. Doug then called for volunteers who would enter the kitchen and do a little dish washing, etc., and all hands responded.

While this particular happening is not a part of "The Mollycoddle" those who partook of the supper in question and many other meals to follow until new help arrived from Los Angeles, are in the picture and Doug is proud of their work.

ELMO LINCOLN.
FAMOUS TARZAN NOW
BLACKSMITH.

Elmo Lincoln, famous in pictures as "Tarzan," and strong man of renown, plays the village blacksmith in the Metro-SU Special screen version of "Quincy Adams Sawyer." Clarence G. Badger has directed the picture.

Like many other successful motion picture players, Mr. Lincoln started his career as a member of the D. W. Griffith forces, appearing in "The Birth of a Nation."

Charles Steinmetz, the electrical wizard, recently added to his fame by artificially creating a thunder-storm in his laboratory and hurling lightning bolts to and fro. Now come D. W. Griffith with a new picture, "One Exciting Night," a United Artists release, in which an artificial storm is brought into being, not in a small laboratory and under a glass case, but over an area of several acres of open land and a hundred feet in the air. Steinmetz achieved this by attaching wires to the rooftops and sending gangs of men "off-stage" to pull them over in unison on signal. To make it possible for large trees to be pulled down entirely tunnels were dug beneath them to undermine their roots.

On each of these camera men was stationed to catch the characters as they struggled against the "storm" and into his field of vision.

The second problem was to indicate the strength of the blast by making trees bend and fall before it. The bending was accomplished by attaching wires to the rooftops and sending gangs of men "off-stage" to pull them over in unison on signal.

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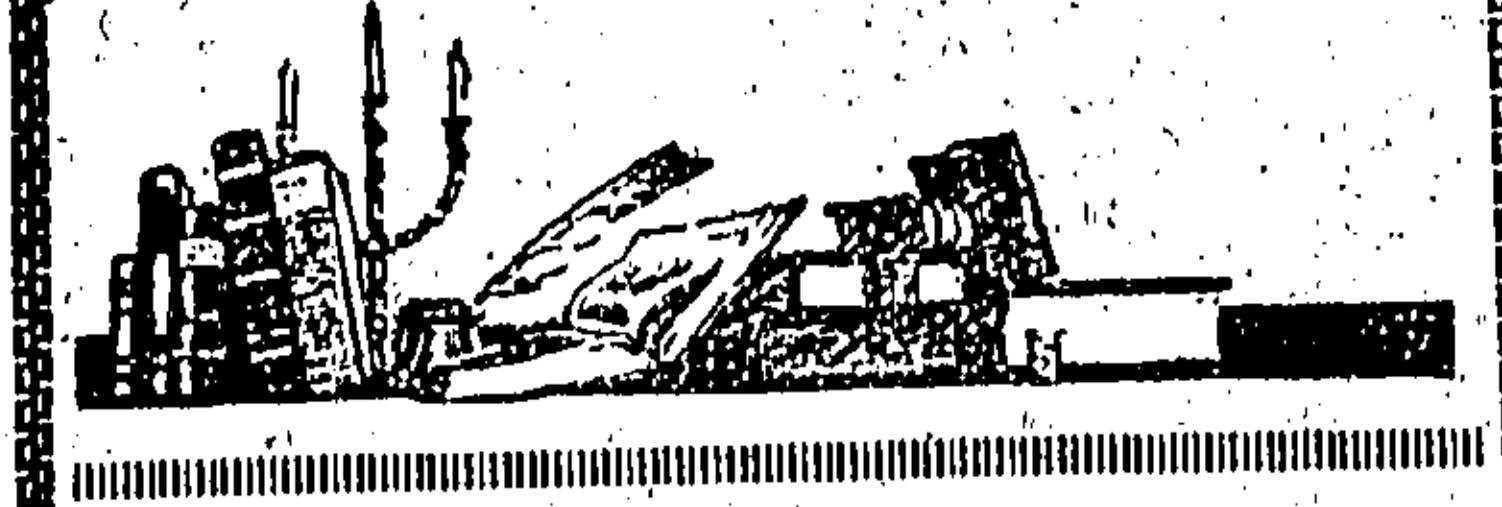
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BOOKS

WAR PHOTOS.

FINE PICTORIAL RECORD.

A single photograph can convey more to the mind than whole volumes of written history—particularly when the subject is war and the manner in which it is waged. So that, fascinating as its predecessors have been, the latest volume of "The Official History of Australia in the War of 1914-1918," which aims at presenting as far as possible a complete authentic pictorial narrative of the young Commonwealth's splendid war efforts, is likely to prove, for the stay-at-home anyhow, one of the most illuminating of the series.

Though later infringement of the order was made a serious court martial offence, the embargo on cameras was not strictly enforced during the Gallipoli campaign. Consequently officers and men were able to secure some very fine trench snap-shots, many of which have found their way into this volume. For other photographs of this phase of the Australians' campaign the editors have had to rely on those taken by the Official War Correspondent of the A.I.F., Capt. Bean, since no official photographer was appointed for the Australians until November, 1916, by which time the scene of action had shifted to France.

Numerous battle photographs were published, of course, during the war but these naturally were selected for their propagandistic value and for this purpose pictures of certain operations, especially on the Somme, were in some of their aspects manifestly unsuitable. Experience soon taught the Australian

["Official History of Australia in the War of 1914-1918. Vol. XII. Photographic Record of the War. Angus and Robertson, Sydney. 21s.]

A CHINESE FLOWER-BOOK.

In 1783 Ch'en Hsiao-tzu, who lived beside the Western Lake at Hangchow, and called himself the Flower Hermit, published a gossipy little work on gardening and country pursuits, under the title of "The Mirror of Flowers." It is the type of a class often to be seen in the hands of Chinese readers. The preface was written by himself:

"From my youth upwards I have cared for nothing save books and flowers. Twenty-eight thousand days have passed over my head, the greater part of which has been spent in poring over old records, and the remainder in enjoying myself in my garden among plants and birds."

The Chinese excel in horticulture, and the passionate love of flowers which prevails among all classes is quite a national characteristic. A Chinaman, however, has his own particular standpoint. The vulgar nossey or the photogenic bouquet would have no charm for him. The author can see, with satisfaction, only one flower at a time. His best vases are made to hold a single spray, and large vases usually have covers perforated so as to isolate each specimen. A pruriens by the river's brink would be to him a complete poem. If condemned to a sedentary life, he likes to have a flower by his side on the table. He draws enjoyment, even inspiration, from its petals. He will take a flower out for a walk, and stop every now and again to consider the loveliness of its growth. So with birds. It is a common thing on a pleasant evening to meet a Chinaman carrying his bird-cage suspended from the end of a short stick. He will stop at some pleasant corner outside the town, and listen with "rapture" to the bird's song. But to the preface. Our author refers to thrush, kite, quail, magpie, swallow, deer, hare, monkey, dog, cat, squirrel, goldfinch—first mentioned by Su Shih.

"Upon the bridge the livelong day I stand and watch the goldfish play"—

bee, butterfly, glowworm, etc. Altogether there is much to be learnt from this Chinese "White of Selborne," and the reader lays down the book feeling that the writer is not far astray when he says, "If a home has not a garden and an old tree, I see not whence the everyday joys of life can come."—Ch'en Hsiao-tzu (Eleventh Century) Translated by Herbert A. Giles.

AMERICA SIZES UP ROME.

George Meredith was, on the whole, an indifferent poet, but when he speaks of "Cavour, Mazzini, Garibaldi; Three" "Her brain, her soul, her sword; he strikes at once to the root of the difficulty of "Understanding Italy." The American and his kindred in Great Britain too readily regard Romulus as a typical Italian, and picture his supposed descendant as a lazy caretaker of the world's museum.

He is not. Italy, to-day, is a country whose inspiration flows from her struggle for freedom of sixty years ago; she uses the more ancient background for dramatic effect because it happens to be there. The author of the volume under review attempts to show

(principally to his own countrymen) wherein lie the factors whose force must be assessed before "understanding" leads to the more solid results of commercial and social friendship. He quotes Taft—"unless everybody prospers, nobody prospers"—and emphasizes that help from America is the only weak

in which the fashionable game of

"saving Europe" may be brought

to any other than a bloody conclusion.

The new figure of Mussolini heralds the choice of a people for an honest policy of "Italy for the Italians" rather than the "Italy for Myself" of the politicians before August, 1922, and the "Italy for Moscow" of the Bolsheviks whom he supplanted. It is impossible to describe at length the trickery and treachery of the old régime, or the brutalities of the terrible time in 1920 when, unhampered by a weak Government, the Red workers seized the factories of North Italy. It must suffice to say that a large part of the strength of Mussolini's position is due to the reaction from these two periods to the honesty of

Mr. Clayton Cooper gives an immense number of facts and statistics in a form easy to assimilate. The pressing need for new fields of activity for Italy's ever-increasing man-power, the rise in the last two decades of Industrial Italy, with the use of water-power to an extent unequalled for the size of the country, the development of shipping and parallel growth of foreign trade, all receive due description and discussion. He touches upon the frankly Imperialistic attitude which Italy takes up in such world councils as she attends, and her

readiness to act for herself and not suddenly, effectively, where others had been content to make a gesture.

If this clarity of outlook has disadvantages, jeopardises sometimes the security of Europe, amatches advantages and holds them, it is at any rate better to know what to expect than to meet with sanctimonious protestations of good intentions which are not intended to be carried out. Italy bombardis Corfu, and gains her point. Great Britain sends a fleet round the world, and nobody is interested. It is the difference between honest force and bluff. For now imagine that Great Britain will fight unless attacked—Italy and France are the only two European nations outside Russia who could run a war of respectable size to-day.

If the classicists regret the loss of their vision—a vine-garlanded contusion resting forever in Italy's "eternal afternoon"—the statesman will at least welcome a factor in European politics whose incidence is more easily calculated than the machinations of a Metternich or a Hohenzollern.

K. WESTMACOTT LANE.

[Understanding Italy. By Clayton Seagwick Cooper. London. John Long. 15/-.]

CHURCHILL

The World Crisis, by the Rt. Hon. Winston S. Churchill, Vol. II (Thornton, Butterworth, Ltd., 30s net).—It was generally admitted that the first volume of Mr. Winston Churchill's book on the war was of outstanding interest and importance, and his second volume just published more than confirms the popular estimate, and makes it clearer than ever that for eloquence, dramatic power and vivid narrative, it will be permanently recognised as definitely outdistancing all others. It is as might have been expected mainly occupied with the story of the unfortunate Dardanelles Expedition, for the plan of which Mr. Churchill was himself principally responsible, and for the failure of which he naturally had to bear most of the blame. In his book he makes no attempt to shirk or to minimise this important issue, and he takes special care to defend the plan of which he was the chief author,

and to clear himself of responsibility for its failure. For the plan itself he makes no excuses, but strenuously maintains that it was rightly conceived and should have succeeded. The blame for its failure he places on Lord Kitchener, Lord Fisher and the first Coalition Government. He emphasises the fact that for its success immediate action was essential, while in fact delay after delay took place. That while three divisions could have occupied Gallipoli in February, in August fourteen proved insufficient, and Mr. Churchill's account of General Monro's visit and his recommendation to evacuate is in the last degree sarcastically effective. "Monro was," says the book, "an officer of swift decision. He came, he saw, he capitulated. . . . Without going beyond the beaches he familiarised himself in six hours with conditions on the 15 mile front, and spoke a few discouraging words to the principal officers at each point." Of Lord Kitchener he is almost equally contemptuous. He

was never over-ruled, seldom even argued with, and dominated the situation absolutely. He was, in fact, an overworked and obstinate old bureaucrat who could only live from hand to mouth, and under the circumstances had to yield to conflicting forces and competing policies. Lord Fisher, as to the navy, was timid and dilatory, and his dramatic resignation was the fatal factor in the miserable business.

Mr. Churchill makes it fairly clear that he was generally right, as we can now see after the event, and it is interesting to note that in his view if Mr. Asquith, who throughout supported the policy, had refused the demand from the coalition, and fought the question out, he would have won and the course of subsequent history materially altered. There is much more that might be said about Mr. Churchill's very remarkable book, but space forbids. Our readers will all be eager to read the book themselves, and the controversies it raises will excite general interest for some time to come.

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She is a wonderful swimmer and diver and still spends a great deal of her time in a swimming pool when she is away from the studio; at Universal City, where she is now under contract.

When she was shown a working script for "The Wild Party," her latest stirring vehicle, which will be shown at the World Theatre, on Sunday, she gave a joyous exclamation.

"Hurrah! Look what I have to do!" she said.

She pointed to a sequence in the play calling for several swimming and diving stunts.

Herbert Blatch, director of the Walton unit, mistook her enthusiasm.

"Don't worry about that," he said. "We can easily arrange a double for you in those scenes."

"But Gladys didn't want a double and for a week preceding the starting of production on the film she practiced all kinds of swimming and diving stunts."



GLADYS WALTON
A UNIVERSAL ATTRACTION

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ASKED AND ANSWERED.

TALES OF HONGKONG.

FACTS OF INTEREST.

[Life may be summed up as one continual question. The individual is continually wanting to know. It may be mere curiosity, perhaps, or the deeper call of knowledge, that urges the question that seeks an answer. The following are some of the things that have exercised our and our readers' minds. They may seem at first sight of little or no moment, but we venture to think that there is not a single matter dealt with but has its own interest, and perhaps value. It needs to be said that in asking the questions which have now been answered, nothing but the greatest courtesy has been shown by those who have been called upon, and who have set apart a portion of their busy time to answer the questions submitted. Exigencies of space compel us to hold over a number of other questions asked and answered, but these will appear, we hope, in a future issue of the *China Mail*.]

"Flower Street."

Wyndham Street—the lower end of it is world-famous. Poets have sung its beauties; it has figured in literary effusions the world over, and is the local mecca for tourists and the busy housewife. We refer of course to the flower stalls which have been there from time immemorial. Any agitation for their entire removal would certainly not be successful and we yet to meet anyone in favour of it. But the question does arise as to whether the location of "Flower St." should not be removed. The congestion and chaos there recently has been terrific; probably it was abnormal. Building operations have been proceeding whilst giant Christmas trees must be shown somewhere. But is there not a place in the Colony that would be just as central and convenient and give more room for display. Our thoughts turned to the silent non-ejecting fountain in Queen's Road opposite the Theatre. Here is room in abundance and a position that would make the blooms more real and make that part of the world poesy itself. However the matter was placed before Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, the Assistant Colonial Secretary. As usual Mr. Fletcher listened readily.

He assured our representative that though another market had often been suggested—round the fountain in Queen's Road even, the flower sellers would remain where they were. Mr. Fletcher said that he could not remember how long the flower sellers had been there. They had not gained the pitch by right of conquest, but simply by sanction of the Police. Certain hawkers were allowed to vend their wares in certain streets and in Wyndham Street was found a suitable spot for the sellers of flowers.

The present confusion caused at the junction of Wyndham Street and Queen's Road is due to the excavation work of the P.W.D. and when the thoroughfare becomes normal the traffic complication will disappear.

Wyndham Street therefore is to retain one of its features of fame.

Our Police

ARE THEY WELL-ARMED?

In reports of armed robberies in the Colony, it is usual to read that the miscreants are "well armed." Mr. E. D. G. Wolfe (Captain Superintendent of Police) asked if the Hongkong Police are considered to be comparatively well armed stated that, in his opinion the local force is as well armed as any other. All members are provided with .38 calibre revolvers, with long pistols, the latter making for better shooting. The revolvers are of Smith and Wesson make and have always been found efficient. Automatics were discarded some years ago. The C.S.P. also stated that the European and Indian sections have rifles and, of course, every policeman carries a truncheon. Speaking of the affray with armed robbers in Yaumati, the C.S.P. expressed the view that if the officers had received the information a little earlier, a man could have been posted at the approach with a rifle and the robbers could have been picked off one by one if they did not surrender.

Mr. Wolfe also announced that the Shantung Chinese are armed with rifles—a number having been attached now to the big stations on the Peninsula—night patrols would shortly be sent out with rifles to make special provision for any emergency during the approach to China New Year. In case of emergency a trained man on post duty with a rifle, would be a formidable opposition to armed robbers.

[These facts are worth noting and prove that our gallant men are well looked after so far as their equipment is concerned.]

Piracy Enquiries

On the printing of the "Hydrangea" we wrote a letter suggesting that an enquiry would doubtless be held, but an immediate correspondence wrote and enquired what on earth we were summing about. He and

denied them. In municipal matters they are to be seen and not heard. Ask the average chair bearer or ricksha puller what he knows of family love or of the innocent pleasures of this life... His answer alone will bear testimony to the fact that we in Hongkong are too selfish to care enough for those who are not blessed with much of this world's goods; yet who give their all to us? Their silence rings somewhat thus in our ears—

"This have We done for You?"

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And what have we done? How much time, how much money, how much of what he has in abundance does the average Hongkong man or woman (native or foreign) contribute towards the betterment of this Colony? To say we have no time is not just; to pretend that we have nothing to give is untrue. So much of our money goes to feed our clubs, hotels, bars, restaurants, to settle motor-hire hills, and such like that, were a fraction of these be given to the welfare of the poor much good will eventuate. Will none of our public workers come forth to instruct them, and to make life more pleasant to them? Are they so much taken up with arguing the pros and cons of trifling matters, reservations and what not—that they have no time to attend to things of more practical use? Have we no one here who is ready to show to our the beauty of life, and the spirit of co-operation? If floods were again to visit North China or another earthquake should happen Japan how ready will our public workers come forth to do their bit. If their arms can stretch thus far why is it not possible for more to come forward to help those who are near and certainly more dear to us.

There will be no public enquiry into the piracy of the "Hydrangea." The Government is fully aware of the urgency of prevention and at the moment new regulations, enforcing a more strict watch and control, are being considered with the Chamber of Commerce.

A public enquiry is not necessary as there were no lives lost. The efficiency of the existing regulations will also be discussed. If this does not satisfy our correspondent, we are extremely sorry. We can do no more for him—not even to agreeing that the British Fleet should be sent to Bias Bay to blow the country-side to bits!

Ricksha' and Chair Coolies.

Shanghai has a Mission which works amongst the ricksha coolies. We have indicated what is attempted and have even pleaded, to some sound and ameliorative consideration being shown to these necessary adjuncts to our life in the Colony. What we have written and the continued apathy shown by the public in the matter, has prompted a reader to write the following. It is entirely unsolicited and we hope will be read with sympathetic interest.

It is said, and truly said, that one half of the world is ignorant as to how the other half lives. Is it not equally true that one class of people is blind and ignorant as to how the other classes suffer? The most deplorable truth is that many of us do not seem to care.

The indifference we show at times towards our miserable and much neglected chair and ricksha men amply justifies this statement. To them life is one unbroken chain of denials, and continuous struggle to make both ends meet. They know as much of the comfort and enjoyment of home life as Dives of old knew of hunger and cold. They bear and forbear as much as is humanly possible.

If the weather is hot (hot, as we know it sometimes to be) there we see them sealed with perspiration, strutting along with a burden, perhaps, indifferent to their suffering.

What is their reward? A few paltry coins flung to them with no little reluctance. If the sky thunders, if the rain pours, or if a mighty typhoon sweeps across the island, there we can see them drenched to the skin, risking life, limb and health for our few paltry coins.

Though the weather is bitter, and cold, yet they stand, sparsely clad, shivering but eagerly waiting to serve us. In dark and lonesome nights when most of us are snug in our warm beds or by our cozy fire they are ready to be found keeping the watch ready to carry us safely home. How do we reward them? With the same paltry coins.

They endure all these hardships so that we might have to put up with as little inconveniences as possible.

One wonders whether this is the sole object of the Almighty in creating them: Where on earth can we find such uncomplaining, law-abiding and peace-loving men?

They offer for the public weal the flower of their manhood. The strain and exertion of their early years has turned them into old men before they are allowed to enjoy their youth. In some unfortunate cases when they do attain middle age consumption or some such horrible disease sets in and makes their life more miserable.

There is no home to welcome them at night, no wife's soft words to comfort them by day.

Foxes have their holes, birds of the air their nests but where have these miserable beings the will to lay their heads? How often do we see them asleep, wrapped in worn out blankets and broken mats, unclad together no better than wild animals.

At times this is a

congregation of dilapidation with a crowded mass of Chinese once marked this district, new houses are now shooting up and the street is showing signs of modern progress.

The new foreshore—whether

it will still be called the "Praya

or not we cannot say—will reach from

Amah Street to East Point

according to the P.W.D. scheme.

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These questions being beyond us

we submitted them to the Secretary

to the Governing Body and in due

course received a letter enclosing a

printed copy of the "Rules for the

Admission of patients to the Matilda

Hospital" which we give below.

It will be noticed that the specific

questions we submitted have not

been answered, but the rules now

given will probably be of use to

those who may have desired infor-

mation on the matter and not

known how to obtain them:

1.—Cases of accident and of

urgent disease are admitted at any

hour, day or night. Persons under

mental derangement, having any

infectious disease, or in a state of

confirmed consumption, cannot be

admitted.

2.—Under ordinary circumstances

cases deemed by the Medical Super-

intendent incurable are not to be

admitted, but applications for the

admission of such cases may be

made to the Governing Body.

3.—Patients may be admitted—

(a) on the recommendation of

any qualified and registered

medical practitioner.

(b) on the recommendation of

any member of the

Governing Body.

(c) on direct application to

the Medical Superinten-

dent.

In cases of doubt the Medical

Superintendent shall refer

to the Governing Body.

4.—No person shall remain in the

hospital longer than four months

unless by permission of the Governing

Body.



Mrs. Ida M. Leslie.

Great mystery surrounds the possibly fatal shooting of Milton A. Maas, wealthy New York chemical manufacturer, in the Sound Beach (Conn.) home of wealthy Mrs. Ida M. Leslie. Maas had just gone to see Mrs. Leslie, who had started out of her house to give her dogs an airing. Two men seized her, and when Maas rushed to her assistance he was shot down. Police later searched Mrs. Maas's home and seized a number of love letters on the theory a jealous suitor may have hired gunmen to kill his rival.



Mr. & Mrs. William E. Corey.

Charging desertion, Mrs. Mabelle Gilman Corey has secured a Paris divorce from William Ellis Corey, millionaire American steel magnate, one of Andrew Carnegie's "boys." They were married in New York on May 17, 1907. Mrs. Corey was Corey's second wife, before her marriage being Mabelle Gilman, well-known actress. His first wife was Miss Laura Cook, of Pittsburgh, to whom he was married when he was making \$40 a month. She worked hard for him and inspired him on the road to success. They had several children, but Corey is said to have believed his wife did not advance as he did. He settled \$1,000,000 on her, and she divorced him. He had succeeded Charles M. Schwab as President of the United States Steel Corporation, but was forced to resign because of the publicity that followed his divorce and re-marriage.



Bombed Spanish Consulate.

Following terrific bomb explosion in the Spanish and Italian consulates in Philadelphia, guards have been placed around the consulates of these two Governments in all cities in the United States. The police believe the bombs were placed by anti-Fascisti anarchists as a demonstration against the new treaty signed by Italy and Spain, both being Fascisti Governments.



Barlow M. Diamond

Barlow M. Diamond, salesman, has been arrested in Cleveland, O., and brought back to New York, charged with being one of three men who shot down two Brooklyn bank messengers on a Brooklyn elevated station and escaped with \$43,000 in money.

There are many instances of four generations in one family, but few of five generations are recorded. The Adams family, of Orwin, Pa., is one of the exceptions. In the photograph are: Mrs. Adams, 81; her son, Amos L. Adams; his daughter, Mrs. Joseph Batdorf; her daughter, Mrs. Clyde Benney; and the latter's infant son. The Adams family was one of the first to settle in Schuylkill Valley.



War Memorial

Pompeo Coppini, famous sculptor, is shown working on the huge horses and figure that will form part of the main group of the \$2,500,000 war memorial to be placed on the campus of the University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Robert E. Vinson, President of the University, has accepted the Coppini group as part of the memorial.

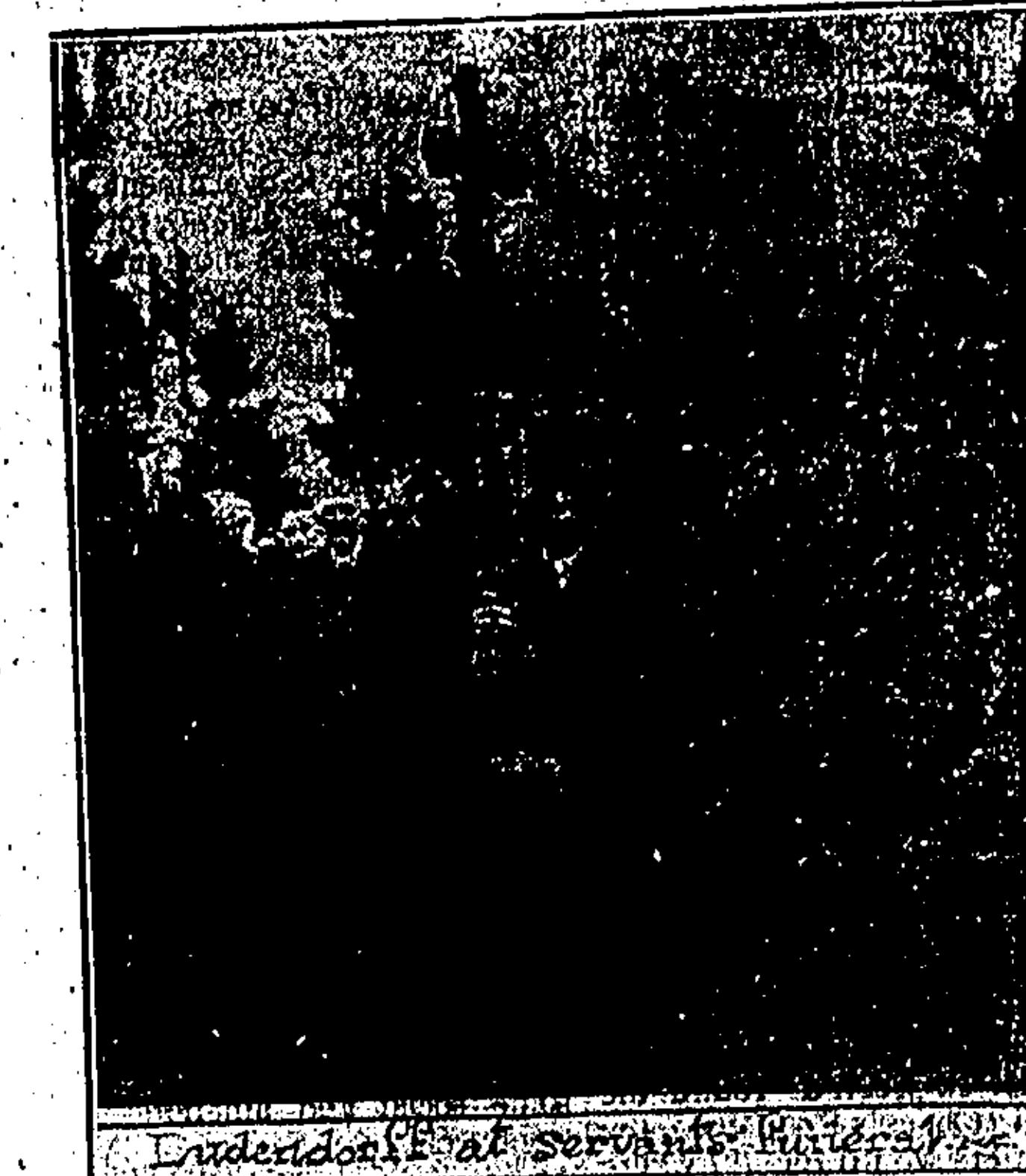
Yale's outstanding eleven proved better amphibians than Harvard's football squad in a sea of mud in the Harvard Stadium, Cambridge, Mass., and the Blue team won by 13 to 0. The above photograph shows some decided action during the game.



Madame Amalia Besso.



Dr. Heinrich F. Alberti, German Commercial Attaché to the United States before the war and charged with being head of the German propaganda service in America, has been called upon by President Ebert to form a new government, following the overthrow of the Stresemann Cabinet. Alberti was guilty of many overt acts against the United States while we were still at peace.



Ludendorff's Grave

In the Bavarian putsch, in which Generals Erich von Ludendorff and Hitler and their followers failed in Munich, the faithful servant of the former German Quartermaster-General was killed. General of Ludendorff was among the mourners at the grave.



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NO!



ME-OW!

NO!

BRINGING UP FATHER.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 1924

CHURCH NOTES.

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY.

THE EPISTLE.

The Epistle is a detailed application of the general principles enunciated in the Epistle of last Sunday; first, under the sense of individual responsibility, by resolution to make full use of any gift and corresponding function in the Church—whether of prophecy and teaching—or of practical rule and charitable work—so as to yield a thoughtful, earnest, single hearted service; next, by the spirit of love in all its forms—in affection for the good, in kindness and humility, in energy of service and hopeful patience, in open handed charity and forgiveness, in universal sympathy and self-forgetfulness. (Compare the description of charity in 1 Cor. XIII.)

"Given to hospitality." The term "hospitality" is too restricted in these latter days. Its meaning here is the kind entertainment and treatment of strangers. The last words of the Epistle read in the revised version "set not your mind on high things but condescend to things that are lowly."

THE GOSPEL.

The Gospel deals with the miracle of the water made wine at the wedding feast of Cana. It has been said that by the supremacy of His Divine Spirit Jesus turned the water into wine. By this sign says St. John, He manifested His glory. The glory was not merely in the display of power, but in the inward meaning of the act. This act was a symbol of the whole life of Jesus. It was a symbol of the Incarnation. He took the water of our human life, and by the supremacy of His Spirit converted it into the wine of the divine life. He came down to our fallen humanity and raised it again to God. By taking our manhood upon Him, He "took" up to God. Thus He dignified every part and faculty of it. He stamped it forever with the pledge of its divine possibility. The flesh is no longer vile, since He wore it. Suffering is no longer merely sad since He consecrated it.

The wine did not simply come; the water became it. That is the divine method. When Christ came He did not come in a new order of being: He came in the flesh, a man. It was just this real and actual human nature that He made divine. We are to follow that divine method. We are to take the water as we find it and convert it into wine. Our lives and circumstances—the world we live in—may seem singularly incapable of fulfilling a divine purpose; yet it is through these and not otherwise that the divine purpose is to be fulfilled. The Christian is the true artist of life. He takes what he finds in the lot he shares with ordinary men—of sorrow and joy, of labour and rest, of success and failure, of capacities and incapacities. He does not quarrel with it, but by the supremacy of the spirit which the Lord of Life gives him, he converts it into the sphere of a noble and God-ward life. It is not too much to say that the main business of a Christian life is to go through the world turning its water into wine. Put quite simply the true Christian learns to make the best of everything and everybody. (adopted from C. G. Lang.)

COMMON THINGS.
Give me, dear Lord, Thy magic common things,
Which all can see, which all may share,
Sunlight and dewdrops, grass and stars and sea,
Nothing unique or new, and nothing rare.

Just daisies, knapweed, wind among the thorns
Some clouds to cross the blue old sky above;
Rain, winter fires, a useful hand, a heart,
The common glory of a woman's love.

Then when my feet no longer tread old paths,
(Keep them from fouling sweet things everywhere),
Write one old epitaph in grace-lit words:
"Such things look fairer that he sojourned there."

C. L. M.

KIND WORDS.
A sense of an earnest will.
To help the lowly-living.
And a terrible heart-throb.
If you have no power of giving;
An arm of aid to the weak.
A friendly hand to the friendless.
Kind words so short to speak.
But whose echo is endless.
The word is wide—these things are small.

They may be nothing, but they are all.

—LORD HOUGHTON.

NOTE.
It is hoped in this Saturday column to deal with Church subjects both general and local. Contributions and suggestions are invited on these questions and should be addressed to the writer, care of The China Mail.

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